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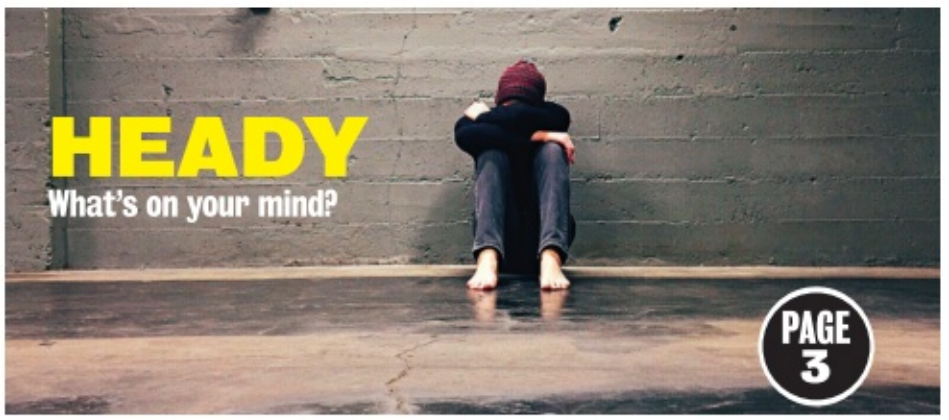

One more lake in south Bengaluru risks joining list of 'dry' or 'dead' waterbodies if authorities continue to dilly dally on conservation

JUST LAKE THAT

Kannalli Lake is adjacent to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

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Kannalli Lake in south Bengaluru near Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout needs urgent attention of the authorities concerned. The lake was handed over to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) more than six years ago. Its condition is deteriorating day by day due to lack of funds. Lake activists and residents BM spoke to said the BBMP has to take measures to save the waterbody from joining the list of dry or dead lakes.

Kannalli Lake is adjacent to the first block of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. The waterbody is expected to play a key role, if revived and developed, in improving groundwater table at residential localities around it. This lake would be a boon for the people who bought sites at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout because there will be no water problems if they depend on borewells for water.

According to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum spokesperson Surya Kiran, the layout has underground utilities and sensor-based lighting facilities. "The authorities have to give importance to the lakes and waterbodies in and around the layout.

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"KSPCB has certified that water in the lake is suitable for agriculture purposes... I was told some cattle died after drinking water from Kannalli Lake

– HK Gowdaiah, environmentalist

Talking point: Metro to Hosur

Proposed metro track 'not required' with various rail projects in pipeline, rail activists say

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The Centre's nod to conduct a feasibility study on the proposed 20 km metro line to connect Bengaluru with Hosur has not been well received by the mobility experts in the city. Rail activists BM spoke to said that the proposed metro track is not required with various rail projects such as the doubling of the rail line between Byappanahalli and Hosur and Corridor 2 of the suburban rail in the pipeline.

"K-RIDE is currently executing the doubling of the 48 km stretch between Byappanahalli and Hosur. Out of this, 10 km have already been commissioned, and work on the rest of the 38 km is underway. Moreover, K-RIDE has begun its tender process for corridor 4, which will connect Heelalige in the far south to Rajanukunte in the far north. These two rail projects are in advanced stages. Extending the metro line to Hosur will render these facilities useless," said Rajkumar Dugar, a rail activist and founder of Citizen 4 Citizen.

While the feasibility study is 100% funded by the Tamil Nadu government, the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Free eye checkup

In celebration of International Women's Day, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital is offering free eye checkups for women of all age groups across all its 11 branches in Bengaluru till March 31. This initiative is aimed at raising awareness about the various eye diseases and disorders that women are at a higher risk of developing, such as ocular manifestations of autoimmune diseases, dry eye, low vision, thyroid eye diseases, and refractive errors.

Women can register for a free eye checkup by contacting 080-48193435.

02 Book talk

Andaljeeb Wajib will be releasing her latest book series 'The Jasmine Villa'. The series is all about the 3 wonderful women depicting their strong and independent female characters. The series is breezy, entertaining and realistic. Wajid is a hybrid author, having published 40 novels in the past 14 years. Her famous books are: No times for goodbyes, Mirror, Mirror, 'More than just biryani' etc.

Where: Blossom Book House
When: Mar 10, 6:30 pm

03 Go jewellery shopping

The three-day 'Threads of Gold - The Bengaluru Jewellery Show' will open on March 11 at Amara Convention Centre, near Jakkur. More than 15 prime jewelers will showcase jewellery under one roof.

The participating jewellers include Aabushan, AVR Swarna Mahal, Sri Ganesh Diamonds and Jewellery - Rajajinagar, Navarathan, Gajraj Jewellers, Nirmal Jewellers, Wonder Diamonds, Simha Jewellers, Sanchi Silver Trends, DRN Jewels, Nithyas, Srsta Collections.

This exhibition will be inaugurated by doctors who have contributed immensely during the pandemic.

H3N2 influenza: State govt on high alert

Two cases reported on Monday; health officials to ramp up testing

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If you feel under the weather, get tested immediately instead of self-medicating

The Health Department on Monday has revealed that two cases of H3N2 subtype of Influenza A were reported from Bengaluru, amid an increase in flu cases across the country. However, officials say that there is no need to panic.

On Monday, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar held a meeting where he said that 20 cases of H1N1 have been detected in Karnataka from January to March along with 26 cases of H3N2, 10 cases of Influenza B and 69 cases of Adenovirus.

"Many are taking antibiotic pills on their own. Experts have said that it is not right to take medicine without doctor's advice and to take antibiotics unnecessarily," he said.

Early summer to be blamed

Temperatures are soaring and it is not even summer. "This is increasing the problem. Avoid exposure to sun from 11 am to 3 pm. Drink at least 2-3 litres of water, buttermilk, fresh water, and fruit juices. This infection will clear within 2-5 days. People who have had Covid earlier seem to have more coughs when infected. There is no need to panic on H3N2 virus infection: Guidelines will be soon released for people to take precautions," said Sudhakar. He also said that an order will be issued instructing that the health staff of all the hospitals should wear masks compulsorily.

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> –Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Vaccination for health staff

Influenza vaccination is given every year and all healthcare workers are instructed to get it. For specific doctors and staff, including those working in the ICU, vaccines will be given by the government. This vaccine was given till 2019 and was discontinued later due to Covid. Now it will resume in all 31 districts, he said.

"The central government in its guidelines has set a target of 25 tests per week and we are screening 25 cases of SARI and ILI in Victoria and Vani Vilas Hospitals to keep track of the variants," he added. The infection can be seen in children under 15 years of age and in senior citizens over 65 years of age. Pregnant women are also more likely to get infected. He said that the spread of infection can be prevented through measures such as cleanliness, preventing crowding, and hand hygiene.

Meanwhile, a committee has been formed to cap the price of testing for this new infection. "We are taking measures to ensure that testing is available at low rates. He said that the fee for the examination will be fixed after the report is received from the committee," the minister added.

Exam delay anxiety for BCU students

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Students at Bangalore City University (BCU) are unhappy about the end-semester examinations being delayed by the university. On Monday, a group of students submitted a memorandum to the Vice-chancellor urging him to look into the matter.

Students say that despite classes being completed for the first semester students for a month now, BCU has not yet released the exam timetable. The university has released the tentative examination schedule for first and third-semester examinations. Examination for the fifth semester is currently ongoing at the university.

"Usually exams for the first, third, and fifth semesters go hand in hand but due to some reasons, the process has been delayed. There have been a few changes introduced by the UGC which had led to this delay. Adding to that, there was also an issue with fee submission for many students. Out of around 36,000 students, only 22,000 had paid their fees," explained BCU Vice-Chancellor Lingaraj Gandhi.

The Vice-Chancellor added that the issue is not just limited to BCU and several other universities in the state are facing delay in end-semester examinations.

As per the tentative timetable, the examination for first and third-semester students will start on March 20. Prof. Gandhi added that the final datesheet will be released soon.

In the background of the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, the state government is considering winding up exams by mid of April. The students are worried that if the examination gets pushed to a date after the elections, then this will cause severe trouble for the next semester.

"The results for the second semester have also not been announced yet. When I was in my first year, they ran the first semester for about 7-8 months and the second was just wrapped up in three months. The same is happening this year as well. The first-semester result was just released one month ago and though there has been a tentative exam schedule released, there is still not enough clarity about the exams," said a second-year student from BCU.

In their right mind

City reports rise in youngsters between 18-24 years seeking mental health consultations, especially women

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A recent survey conducted among women has shown a 66% rise in mental health consultations. In the data, the statistics reveal that it is the youngsters between the age group of 18-24 years who are increasingly opting for mental health consultations.

Over 78,000 Indian women users displayed a proactive attitude towards healthcare, as evidenced by a 23% rise in consultations compared to the previous year. The fastest-growing specialties were oncology and mental health, with a year on year increase of 96% and 66%, respectively. Notably, a majority of mental health consultations, particularly for psychotherapy, psychiatry, and psychology, were sought by younger women.

The survey found out that women under the 35 age group had consulted the most on mental health. In the 18-24 year age group, a 59% growth in consultations was reported. This apart, a higher increase was reported between the 25 - 34 years witnessing 38% growth. In the 35 - 44 years old, there was a steady 23% growth in the mental health consultations.

In the 45 - 64 years age group, there was a 15% growth and in the 64+ age group the numbers were relatively lower.

"In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of younger women seeking mental health support and this trend warrants attention and action

–Dr Alexander Kuruvilla, Chief Healthcare Strategy Officer, Practo

The most discussed concerns in the mental health consultations were withdrawal symptoms, suicidal behavior, stress, panic, PTSD, eating disorder, drug abuse, alcoholic addiction.

Dr Alexander Kuruvilla, Chief Healthcare Strategy Officer, Practo, said, "In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of younger women seeking mental health support and this trend warrants attention and action.

There are multiple factors contributing to this trend, such as increasing awareness and de-stigmatisation of mental health concerns, the impact of social media on mental health, and the unique stressors and challenges faced by younger generations. As a community we have to recognise this and provide support and foster overall wellbeing."

This apart, a similar trend was observed in consultations, where the 25-34 age group reported a majority of consultations.

Statistics revealed that the 25-34 years age group witnessed 118% growth in oncology consultations followed by 35-44 years with 108% growth. The 45+ age group witnessed 21% growth and 18 - 24 years saw a marginal growth.

Talking about the higher consultations of women in the health field, Dr Rajiv Nandy, Clinical Psychologist,Chairman-Shristi Child Development & Learning Institute, said, "Acceptance and awareness has been the most fundamental driving force of this change. Women today are more educated, more aware of themselves and their role in society. They are in positions of power, they know how to exercise their rights, they know when and how to assert themselves and they definitely have the ability to recognise when something is not right and seek help."

Just a thought: Ladies, up for a free bus ride?

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To encourage the use of public transport among the people and to celebrate International Women's Day, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is mulling over making buses free for women on Wednesday, March 8.

BMTC has sent a proposal to the state government seeking permission for the same.

"It has not been finalised yet but the proposal has been sent. As soon as we get the permission, we will roll out an official announcement," BMTC director (IT) AV Surya Sen told Bangalore Mirror.

Last year, the BMTC gave free rides to all passengers for one entire day on August 15 to mark 25 years of its foundation. This resulted in as many as 61.47 lakh commuters availing of the free service.

This time also, BMTC expects an increase in female ridership on the occasion of international women's day. The BMTC says that the decision has been taken in order to provide safe, well-secured transport facilities for women to go to their work and participate in all work areas and to empower them economically.

As of now, on an average, 10.84 lakh women travel in city buses, which is 25 per cent of the total female population in Bengaluru. However, BMTC has estimated that this number might double on March 8 to almost 20 lakh women availing of free bus services costing the organization almost Rs. 8.17 crore if the initiative is finalised.

Mobility activists and commuters in the city have been demanding for the BMTC fares to be lowered and permanent free services for women and students. Many states in India like Punjab, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu are already offering free travel for women.

In fact, as per a survey report on BMTC released by Greenpeace India in 2022, almost one-third of the surveyors had reported the bus fares to be somewhat expensive. Additionally, 79% of the respondents were also in support of free bus travel, especially for targeted groups like women and students as they are far more dependent on public transport.

"It would not only support the women economically, but it would also give them more freedom and encouragement to use the public bus. This should be done permanently but for a trial run, making buses free for one day would be a great start... It might also encourage some women who do not use the bus services otherwise to do so. It is very important for women living in the city to have trust in the public transport services," said Shiza, a daily BMTC user.

BMTC added that along with providing safe and secure travel to the women in Bengaluru, it would also help reduce the air pollution levels if more women take the bus on a daily basis.

"With the promotion of public transport through free travel, mainly women passengers will be encouraged to rely on public transport for better and safer travel, and the financial burden on the organization will be offset in the near future," the official letter by BMTC said.

Not able to meet child, woman tries to kill self

A woman tried to kill herself because her ex-husband was not letting her see her child, near the outskirts of Devanahalli. The man even made a live video of himself not letting her meet her child. Later the woman tried to commit suicide by drinking poison.

The victim has been identified as Sumaya Banu, a woman hailing from Tumakuru. She was divorced two years ago. At the time, there was a court order that the child should be handed over to the mother, so the husband, Mohammad Asim Nikbal, used to go to see the child. Last month when he went to see the child, the woman alleged that he had forcefully taken the child.

At that time, a quarrel broke out between the ex-husband and the woman. The distraught woman tried to commit suicide. As she was immediately admitted to the hospital, the woman was saved and a complaint was filed by both parties at the Devanahalli police station.

MLA moves HC for bail

BJP MLA Madal Virupakhappa on Monday moved a bail petition in the High Court seeking relief from the arrest in connection with the Lokayukta case of corruption against him. He also moved a petition to quash the FIR against him lodged by the Lokayukta.

Counsel for MLA requested the court to hear the matter urgently. A bench headed by Justice K. Natarajan has posted it for hearing on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, three teams have been formed to nab the MLA. "The BJP MLA has not been seen for five days after crores of rupees were unearthed at his son's house. After his son's arrest, Madal switched off his phone and went missing. The Lokayukta have formed the teams," said the police.

Sapling saviours to the fore

Group of senior citizens take it on themselves to rescue dried-up saplings around Doddakallasandra Lake, saplings were planted by BBMP in August last year

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Thanks to the apathy of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), senior citizens living around Doddakallasandra Lake in south Bengaluru have now come to the rescue of drying saplings around the lake area. A group of five senior citizens came together on Sunday morning and watered nearly 300 saplings that were planted by BBMP under its plantation drive in August last year.

"We go to the lake for morning walks and have observed that hundreds of saplings planted a few months ago are drying up. We realized that if we do not act now, all the saplings will soon die in absence of water. This is why we decided to take up this initiative," Soundararajan Rajagopalan, a group member, told Bangalore Mirror.

The group ordered two water tankers of 6,000-litre capacity each and went around the lake periphery to spot the dying saplings and watered them after their multiple requests to the officials to water the plants fell on deaf ears.

"We have been reaching out to the officials concerned, requesting them to water the saplings as soon as possible. However, when we did not receive any concrete response even after almost a month of following up with them, we decided to do it ourselves. While we had ordered two tankers, only one came," said another member of the group.

In the first round on Sunday, the group watered 250 saplings. The members plan to take up the drive on a weekly basis or every ten days, based on the requirement, he added.

The group is now looking at mobilising children from nearby schools to help them save the plants. The Samaritans say watering plants spread over 21 acres of area is turning out to be a cumbersome task. Walking around the lakes is one thing, and stopping every few meters, straightening the water pipe, and watering plants are another.

The group of five senior citizens came together on Sunday to water nearly 300 saplings after they noticed them drying

"We have been reaching out to the officials, requesting them to water the saplings as soon as possible. However, we did not receive any response –a group member

"We are all above 65 years of age and a little help will ensure that the saplings get water for a longer period this summer. We are thus planning to rope in children from nearby schools to help us manage this large volume of work," added Rajagopalan.

According to Jayaram RG, another group member, gathering funds for the initiative might turn out to be the biggest roadblock in its continuity.

"The summer season has begun, and while we are doing our best, we need BBMP to see us through this initiative. Getting tankers during the summer season is not an easy task. Moreover, the tanker cost has gone up as well. We got the one tanker of water on Sunday with great difficulty. Managing tankers for the next three to four months will be tricky in the absence of any help," he said.

While the group is trying hard to bring back dried-up saplings to life, they also pointed out other maintenance issues at the water body. While the lake was fenced by the civic body after it was revived, fencing is not being maintained as well.

"They have left an opening of around two feet in the fencing. Stray dogs have been entering the area trying to hunt the birds. The civic body should understand that the lake revival work is not done for beautification but to preserve its biodiversity. BBMP must collaborate with locals and make them stakeholders in the process. There are citizens from various educational backgrounds who would like to have a say in such activities," explained Jayaram.

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Hundreds of saplings planted by BBMP around multiple lakes drying up with no one to water them

SUMMERTIME

Saplings at Gubbalala, Doddakallasandra lakes scorched in rising temperatures

BM's report on March 3 about hundreds of saplings drying up with no one to water them

Boosting Mahadevapura's mobility

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The new Mahadevapura Mobility Vision 2023-2028 aims to reduce private vehicles on road and increase reliance on public transport by 70%

Mahadevapura MLA Aravind Limbavali has brought out a new mobility plan for five years, a project that can significantly boost mobility in the constituency.

The new Mahadevapura Mobility Vision 2023-2028 aims to reduce private vehicles on road and increase dependency on public transport by 70 per cent. The project is estimated at Rs 1,000 crore.

"Residents will have a variety of commuting choices starting from March 2023 where the Whitefield Metro begins commercial operations and later in June 2023 when it would be connected to Byappanahalli and the entire metro network," said the MLA in a tweet.

As per the Vision 2028, a slew of measures has been proposed under public transport, last mile connectivity, improving road infrastructure, CleanStreet75K Challenge, and enhancing safety for all road users.

General Secretary of Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF-Mobility), Clement Jayakumar said, "Under mobility, we have planned mini bus services inside Mahadevapura as all the roads are not wide enough. We will be focusing on developing cycle tracks in possible locations. We are also exploring shared autos for meeting last mile connectivity for metro stations. For pedestrians, we will provide a 100-km-long footpath primarily focusing on metro and suburban rail stations."

Clement added that as per the plan, pre-paid auto kiosks are being planned.

Additionally, 14 new roads and 19 road-widening projects are in progress and are expected to be completed. In areas where utility work has been completed, 10 km of concrete roads in arterial roads will be taken up.

Around 60 per cent of gram panchayat areas and panchayat roads will be developed as per PWD road standards based on availability of different funds. Under the CleanStreet Challenge, this year, the efforts to ensure cleaner neighbourhoods will continue. To make the road safer, 50 road junctions will be improved for traffic flow and safety. "Many junctions are not safe for pedestrian crossing and safety will be improved. There will also be improvements in lighting," explained Clement.

To aid the mobility plans, Whitefield metro will be operational by March 2023, commercial operation of ORR Metro in 2026, and the operation of Corridor 4 Kanaka line of Bengaluru Rail Project by 2026. Support will be extended for completion of Metro on Sarjapur Road.

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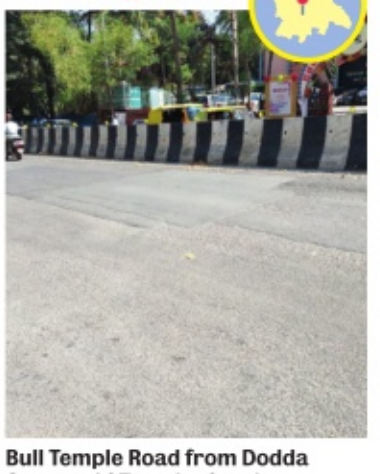
Set back
Vidyaranyapura

No asphalting has been done on the road for the past 6 months at Kanshiram Nagar, Sadguru Layout in Vidyaranyapura.

Desperate flex
OMBR Layout

Huge banners are dotting the streets around CMR College in OMBR Layout, claiming credit for desilting and asphalting. Do MLAs need such publicity that blocks visibility of drivers?

Bumpy scenes
Chamarajpet



Bull Temple Road from Dodda Ganapathi Temple signal to Chamarajpet 5th Main Road signal is a bumpy ride as too many pot-holes have been filled. We request BBMP to relay this stretch.

Action on track against stone throwers

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The railway authorities have posted personnel at several stations where incidents of stones being thrown at trains are common.

Some of these stations are: Lottegollahalli, Kodigenahalli, Baiyappanahalli, Channasandra, Yelahanka, Chikkabanavara, Yeshwanthpur, Whitefield, KR Puram Banaswadi, Carmelaram and Cantonment station tracks. So far, around 35-40 personnel have been posted for this job.

The move comes amid rising incidents of individuals damaging trains by throwing stones. Recently, two windows of a coach in Train No 20607 Mysuru - Chennai Vande Bharat Express were damaged when some people bombarded the train with stones. Railway police suspect a section of people in the age group of 15 to 25 to have been involved in the incident.

Police are also urging Bengalureans to click pictures of such individuals and send it to railway officials for taking action. In the last two months, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has registered 34 such cases in Bengaluru city alone.

A senior railway official told Mirror, "Throwing stones on trains is a non-bailable offence. As per Section 152 of Railways Act, if any person throws stones at a train and such act is likely to endanger the safety of passengers on the train, he shall be punishable with life imprisonment or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 10 years."

In October of 2021, Bhubaneswar – KSR Bengaluru Express Special suffered damage due to stones placed on tracks and the officials were forced to make alternative engines to haul the train.

According to Section 152 of Railways Act, if any person throws stones at a train, he shall be punished with life imprisonment

An official said, "One of the main reasons is the easy availability of stones on the track. A few people have made it a bad habit to throw stones. In case of non-AC trains, the window panes will be opened most of the time. If anyone throws stones, then there is danger of passengers getting hurt. Sometimes, these incidents can also become fatal as well. It can be very dangerous for those who are standing near the doors as well. The train passengers who are unaware of these vulnerabilities may be enjoying their journey but one

incident can prove disastrous. As it is quite difficult to provide security to the entire length of tracks, the railways have identified the vulnerable areas where the personnel are posted. We want the public to proactively report the incidences of deliberate mischief. Public may report on all kinds of miscreant activity/concerns pertaining to safety on helpline number 139. Acts of mischief on the tracks may only cause safety violations for train operation."

Biodiversity committee? It's out of their budget!

BBMP misses to plan out budget for city's biodiversity surveys, experts demand allotment of Rs 1 crore

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According to senior officials at BBMP, no budget has been secured for BMC so far

The Bruhat Bengaluru's Mahanagara Palike's latest budget has yet again left Bengaluru's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) high and dry. With no funds in its kitty, the committee is likely to stay on paper for at least one more year.

While Bengaluru got its first BMC in 2009, the committee formed by BBMP has not been active for more than two years now. It has failed to perform its primary duty: updating the city's People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) which was last prepared and updated in 2010.

According to senior officials of BBMP Forest Cell, no budget has been secured for BMC as it is the duty of The Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) to form the committee, conduct regular biodiversity surveys and update the city's PBR – a mandate under the Center's Biological Biodiversity Act (BDA) 2002.

"BMC is controlled by the Forest Department under KBB. Under the social forestry project, KBB is expected to study the biodiversity of urban areas. BBMP has already done the study and we do not want to waste funds on the project that is already done once recently. As far as the BMC members are concerned, they are not aware of it probably because the committee has been changed without the knowledge of the members," said a senior official from the Forest Cell.

Experts point out that BBMP should allot a minimum amount of at least Rs one crore annually for the proper functioning of the committee. Moreover, the fact that the city's PRB has not been updated for over 10 years now, is a violation of the Biological Biodiversity Act (BDA) 2002.

As per the Biological Biodiversity Act (BDA) 2002, a BMC must be constituted by every local self-governing institution in rural and urban areas. The committee should then create a PBR, a repository of traditional knowledge of local biological resources. The idea behind PBR is to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of local biological resources while securing equitable sharing of benefits that come from these resources.

As per the Act, BBMP is responsible for calling for the BMC meeting every three months.

However, when BM reached out to the KBB officials, they reiterated that formulating BMC and convening the meeting to document biodiversity in the case of an urban area is the local civic body's responsibility, which is the BBMP in this case.

"Formulation of BMC is BBMP's

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–A senior official from the Forest Cell

responsibility. KBB is supposed to provide technical support only. Having said that, we are not aware of any BMC meeting called by BBMP over the last couple of years. We have conveyed the importance of having a functional BMC and written to the BBMP Forest Cell multiple times to convene a meeting, however, we have not received any response. We have 6,500 BMCs throughout the state and KBB cannot visit every BMC," informed an official from KBB.

Notably, Bengaluru's first BMC was formulated in 2009 to investigate and document information for Bengaluru's maiden biodiversity register. The committee then collated the required data and shared it with KBB. However, the register was last updated ten years ago.

CRIME FILES

Quarrel turns lethal for man

What began as a quarrel between two men ended with a murder in Hakki Pikki Colony near Bannerghatta in Anekal taluk, on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The victim has been identified as Badda Madaiah, 57. He died when the accused hit him with a stone last Saturday night. There was a commotion while playing a game.

In a drunken state, Badda had insulted his accomplice, and the accused, in a fit of rage, hit him with a stone. Bannerghatta police have taken six suspects into custody, registered a case and are continuing the investigation.

Lover's spat ends badly

A lover's spat between two men ended in murder when the man killed his partner. The incident took place in Chandra layout, Bengaluru, where the two men who were in a relationship were staying together.

The victim has been identified as Liaquat Ali Khan and Ilyas is the murder accused. The accused has been arrested by the Chandra Layout police. Both Liaquat and Ilyas were in a relationship for the past two years. Ilyas had quarrelled with Liaquat about the future of the relationship. The victim took a hit on the head with a hammer and was stabbed with scissors. At present, the accused Ilyas has been arrested by the police.

3 held in doc's murder case

A physiotherapist at a private hospital in Yelahanka, Dr Sridhar, was abducted, murdered and the body burnt with petrol in a deserted area near Soladevanahalli on February 7.

Now after a month, the Soladevanahalli police have arrested three Andhra-based accused Veeranjan alias Puli, Govardhana alias DJ, Bhaskar alias Budappa and are interrogating them. Initially, a case of unknown suspicious death was registered. Later, it came to light that it was Dr Sridhar. —BMB

'Deliver us from LPG price hike blow'

After the increase in LPG cylinder prices from Rs 450 to Rs 1,150, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) protested on the price hike and demanded for the rates to be brought down immediately. On Monday members from SUCI protested at Freedom Park demanding to decrease the prices. According to the members, with the steady increase in fuel prices last year, many people were hard hit, and now with the increase in LPG, it has been burdening the consumers.

The Bangalore South District and the Bangalore North District committees organised the protest and criticised the BJP government for its anti-people central budget and state budget.

"Both the budgets have only provided a relief to the wealthy and big industrialists, but it has given a severe blow to the common man," said V Gnana Murthy, secretary, Bangalore North District.

"The price rise of cylinders has increased exponentially and many are not able to afford it. Instead of looking at the concerns of poor people and helping them, the government has overlooked it and has been increasing the prices. Even in the hotels, the hotel owners will start to increase the prices due to the increase in gas price. Ultimately it is the common man who has to face the brunt," said MN Sriram, secretary, Bangalore South District.

The Centre had decreased the gas subsidy by 75%, however on the other hand the government announced tax subsidies for the corporate houses, he added.

Further, another member who was part of the protest said it has just been a year where the people are overcoming the pandemic. Many, who had lost jobs during the pandemic, are now settling back in life and again with the increase of such basic commodities it is hard on us. "The government should consider the welfare and the needs of the people," they said. **BMB**

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Get a moo on! It's a busy road

Commuters at Haralur Main Road complain that while cattle block smooth flow of traffic, herders take to caning the animals to make them move on

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The commuters at Haralur Main Road are upset with the herd of cows blocking their routes during peak traffic hours. They say that because of the cattle they have to get stuck in traffic congestions and commuting through the road becomes very difficult.

Sathish K, a commuter, said, "I use this road regularly for commuting to my office. However, because of the cows it gets very difficult to cross this stretch of road. They often stand in the middle of the road and then people will have to find ways to go past them."

Other commuters added that the cattle cause a lot of traffic congestion on the road making commuting through that road very inconvenient.

"During the peak hours of traffic like in the morning or evening, these cattle will be present on the road and block the entire space there. A lot of people will be on the road during that time and the situation becomes extremely chaotic," said Abhishek K, another commuter.

"I have gotten stuck several times because of this reason and had to wait for a long time before I could reach home," he added.

Many commuters complain that sometimes they have to hit the brakes all of a sudden in the middle of the road. "I was on my bike while riding through this road and suddenly around 3 to 4 cows came in front of it. I had to pull the brake immediately, and because of that my bike was about to skid, that too in the middle of a busy road. After that incident, I have been quite scared to go through that road. It is quite dangerous, and some action must be taken to make sure no serious injury takes place because of this," another commuter informed anonymously.

Further, some people said that the herder only uses a stick and hits the cows in a cruel manner to make them go faster.

Abhinav Sharma, another commuter, said, "The herder just hits the cows in the name of making them go faster. But that is cruelty for these cows. Instead of hitting them, a proper system must be made to make sure that they do not occupy the roads meant for people."

Meanwhile, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that they will look into the matter.

Vehicles have to make way for the busy four-legged walkers of Haralur Main Road

> **During the peak hours of traffic like in the mornings or evenings, these cattle are present on the road and they tend to block the entire space**
> –Abhishek K, commuter

Chokehold of burning garbage

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Residents of various neighbourhoods in the city still complain of instances of burning garbage in their areas. They say the smoke is causing them breathlessness and other health issues. Residents of Bhoganahalli are the latest to report heavy garbage burning in their area.

Aravind Krishnan, a resident of the area, said, "There have been regular incidents of fire in the area near the Bhoganahalli Lake. The fire is quite huge because it can be seen from far. The smoke coming out of the fire is also too much. It is increasing the pollution in the area along with causing health problems among the people staying nearby."

Some tree lovers are also worried that the fire would cause harm to the trees as well.

Avinash Shetty, another resident of the area, said, "These fires have become common. Although we do not know the reason behind it, I am sure it would be doing no good to the trees. Already we have a shortage of trees and whatever trees are left is either being cut or set on fire."

Some of the garbage fires are big and can be seen from afar

Birds and animals affected too

He added that something must be done to stop this from happening. Even the birds and animals in the area will be affected because of the fire, he said.

The residents of Choodasandra are also facing the same problem.

"This has been happening for the last one month. The fire has been causing a lot of problems for the residents here," a resident said.

According to them, there are health repercussions too. "My family members have been suffering from severe headaches and allergies because of the smoke. Even my neighbours are facing the same problems. It is getting difficult to even keep the windows open. The smoke has drastically increased the air pollution in the area as well," a resident informed anonymously.

Even the residents of Electronic City have been complaining about the same issue. They say that along with the residents, even the birds in the area have been severely affected by the fire.

Ashok Kumar, a resident of the area, said, "We have been noticing this for quite a long time. It is causing a lot of problems for us. Health problems like shortness of breath and coughing have become quite common because of the smoke. But the most affected are the birds. Every time the fire is burnt, all the birds in the area fly away."

Waste blocks BSY's chopper landing

#KALABURAGI

The helicopter carrying former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa was stopped from landing on Monday as littered plastic bags came flying near the helipad in the outskirts of Jewargi in Kalaburagi.

The authorities said that Yediyurappa arrived in the town to participate in Vijay Sankalp yatra. The temporary helipad was constructed to facilitate the movement of leaders. But, as the authorities did not ensure maintenance and follow up of protocols, plastic bags came flying at the time of landing. The pilot aborted the landing and kept hovering in the air until the authorities got the helipad area cleaned. Then the chopper made a safe landing at the spot. **–IANS**

Saha likely to become Tripura CM again

After BJP victory in the recently concluded Tripura Assembly polls, the caretaker Chief Minister Manik Saha has been elected as the leader of BJP legislative party on Monday; he is set to become CM again

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Defence minister reviews maritime security

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday reviewed India's maritime security challenges with the top naval commanders onboard the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant in the Arabian Sea, amid China's burgeoning military posturing in the Indian Ocean region.

As the 43,000-tonne steel behemoth, accompanied by a fleet of over 20 frontline frigates, destroyers and submarines, sailed across the high seas, the defence minister, sitting inside the Main Briefing Room of the nearly 262-metre long and 59-metre tall ship, complimented the naval commanders for fiercely protecting India's maritime interests in the strategic waters.

Before addressing the commanders at the biannual naval conference, Singh, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and other naval commanders witnessed a mega wargame involving Vikrant, the accompanying ships and almost all attack aircraft including MiG-29K deck-based jets.

"It is a historic occasion," Admiral Kumar said.

The Chief of Naval Staff said all policy decisions, acquisition-related matters and force planning are being discussed at the commanders' conference.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Indian Navy Commanders' Conference onboard INS Vikrant on Monday

"The aim of the conference is to review what are the challenges, where we stand, what are the gaps and how we can take things forward," he told reporters.

The assets which were deployed during Monday's drills included warships from the Eastern as well as Western fleets.

Officials said the wargame marked the end of the three-month-long Tropex exercise, billed as the largest ever such drill carried out by the Navy, that was launched in December to test the force's overall operational capability in view of the evolving regional security matrix.

Onboard INS Vikrant (PTI)

Heat is on: PM reviews readiness

Modi briefed about weather forecast, likelihood of normal monsoon and impact on Rabi crops

#NEWDELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review preparedness for the hot weather condition in the upcoming summer season and called for preparing separate awareness material for different stakeholders like common citizens, medical professionals, local body authorities and disaster response teams.

The PMO, in a statement, said that Modi was briefed about the weather forecast for the next few months and on the likelihood of a normal monsoon and their impact on Rabi crops.

He was also briefed about the preparedness of medical infrastructure, disasters related to heat and mitigation measures, it said.

The Food Corporation of India was asked to take measures to ensure optimal storage of grains in extreme weather conditions, the PMO said, noting the prime minister was also briefed about the expected yield of major crops.

Modi instructed India Meteorological Department to prepare daily weather forecasts in a manner which makes predictions easy to interpret and disseminate.

TV news channels and FM radio among other media outlets could spend a few minutes daily to explain the daily weather forecast so that citizens can take necessary precautions, the statement said.

He also stressed the need for detailed fire audits of all hospitals and said mock fire drills be conducted by firefighters in all hospitals.

Ongoing efforts to monitor irrigation water supply, fodder and drinking water were also reviewed in the meeting, the statement said.

Modi was briefed about the preparedness of states and hospital infrastructure in terms of the availability of required supplies and preparedness for emergencies. He was also updated about various efforts underway across the country to prepare for disasters related to heat and mitigation measures in place, it said.

Officials attending the meeting were instructed to incorporate some multimedia lecture sessions in schools to sensitise children on dealing with extreme heat conditions.

Modi said protocols and dos and don'ts for hot weather should be prepared in accessible formats, and various other modes of publicity like jingles, films and pamphlets should be prepared and issued.

The need for a coordinated effort to deal with forest fires was also pointed out at the meeting. It was discussed that systemic changes should be made to support efforts to prevent and tackle forest fires. **PTI**

Unseasonal rainfall hits Nashik, crops damaged

Nashik (Maharashtra)

Farmers suffered losses after unseasonal rain lashed the Nashik district of Maharashtra on Monday.

Chandori, Saikheda, Odha, Mohadi village, etc. areas of Niphad division of taluka received unseasonal rains along with strong wind yesterday evening.

The sky remained cloudy the entire day, while strong winds started blowing in the evening, leading to disruption in the power supply in the area. Crops like wheat, gram, maize, banana, and tomato suffered massive damage according to reports. Traffic in the area was also affected after branches of trees fell on the road due to the powerful winds. **ANI**

India's white-collar sector sees 35% spike in jobs for women: Report

#Bengaluru

India's white-collar sector has seen a 35 per cent spike in job openings for women, compared to last year, according to a report released on Monday.

It is primarily because women, who dropped out of work during the pandemic to become full-time caregivers, have now re-joined the workforce, revealed the report by talent management platform foundit (formerly known as Monster jobs).

In addition, the focused efforts by India Inc such as introducing benefits such as menstrual leaves and childcare, introducing programmes to fight bias in the workplace, allowing flexibility at work, and diversity-focused hiring, among others are helping increase female participation in the workforce.

The highest demand share of women in the workforce is currently held by the ITES/BPO (36 per cent) industry, followed by IT/computers-software (35 per cent), and banking/accounting/financial services (22 per cent).

Where's B'luru?

Further, Delhi-NCR (21 per cent) is leading with the highest percentage of jobs available for women, followed by Mumbai (15 per cent), Bengaluru (10 per cent), Chennai (9 per cent) and Pune (7 per cent).

It is also interesting to note that 6 per cent of the total women workforce on the platform are those who have taken a career break and returned to work. Moreover, freelance roles account for 4 per cent of the total jobs for women, indicating a rise in gig-based opportunities in the white-collar economy. **IANS**

Manish Sisodia taken to Tihar jail

#New Delhi

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia was taken to Tihar jail on Monday after the Rouse Avenue Court sent him to Judicial Custody till March 20 in a case pertaining to alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy in the national capital.

Tihar Prison officials told ANI that the Aam Admi Party (AAP) party leader has been kept in jail No 1.

"Former Deputy CM and AAP leader Manish Sisodia has been kept in Jail No 1 of Tihar jail," prison officials told ANI. Sisodia was arrested last Sunday in an ongoing investigation of a case related to alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD). The Special Judge MK Nagpal on Monday sent Sisodia to Judicial Custody for 14 days after noting that CBI didn't demand further Custody of him at this time, but it may be sought later if required.

Sisodia has been allowed to have medicines prescribed in his MLC conducted by the CBI officials.

He has also been permitted to carry spectacles, a diary, a pen, and a copy of The Gita during the judicial custody period. As requested by Sisodia's side, the court also directed the superintendent to consider the request of keeping the accused in the vipassana cell/ Meditation cell. **ANI**

Holy Holi fire

Devotees gather around the sacred fire 'holi ka dahan' during a ritual prior to Holi festival, near Gandhinagar, on Monday

WPL: Fiery spells help MI bundle out RCB for 155 runs

 # Mumbai

Top-notch bowling spells from Hayley Matthews, Saika Ishaque and Amelia Kerr helped Mumbai Indians skittle out Royal Challengers Bangalore for just 155 runs in 18.4 overs of their Women's Premier League (WPL) tie at Brabourne Stadium on Monday.

After electing to bat first, RCB was off to a solid start, with openers Smriti Mandhana and Sophie Devine dealing in boundaries and rotating the strike well.

Saika Ishaque continued her red-hot form from her previous match against Gujarat Giants, putting the RCB on backfoot by dismissing Devine (16) and Disha Kasat (0) in her over. RCB sunk to 39/2 in 4.4 overs.

Harmanpreet used her spinners well, bringing in Hayley Matthews. Hayley repaid her captain's faith in her abilities by dismissing skipper Mandhana (23) and Heather Knight (0) for a duck. RCB was reduced to 43/4 in 5.3 overs.

At the end of the powerplay in six overs, RCB was 47/4, with Ellyse Perry and wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh unbeaten at 4 each.

RCB crossed the 50-run mark in 6.1 overs.

Perry and Ghosh were looking really good and seeming to build a solid partnership for themselves, but an unfortunate run-out cut short Perry's stay at the crease to just 13 runs. Half of the RCB side was in the hut for 71 runs in 8.1 overs.

At the end of 10 overs, RCB was 81/5 with Ghosh (25*) joined by Kanika Ahuja (2*). RCB crossed the 100-run mark in 12 overs, with help of a four from Kanika. **ANI**

Royal Challengers Bangalore's captain Smriti Mandhana walks off the field after being dismissed

Another waterbody on brink

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If the authorities fail to protect and save waterbodies, it will be a great loss for the people who want to construct houses at the layout," Kiran said.

He said lakes and waterbodies in the vicinity of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout must be taken over by the Bangalore Development Authority — even those waterbodies in the BBMP or panchayat ambit, as lakes are also part of the layout and it is the BDA's responsibility to preserve and conserve them.

"I want the BDA to take over waterbodies on priority. It has to conduct a survey to identify lake boundaries and fence all lakes in and around Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout to prevent encroachments of the lake land in future," he said.

Environmentalist HK Gowdaiah said the authorities must take measures to prevent the flow of effluents and sewage into the lake from industrial units of a nearby industrial estate on Magadi Road. "I wrote letters to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) authorities on the deteriorating condition of the lake; but the KSPCB authorities have certified water in the lake suitable for agriculture purposes. I was told some cattle died after drinking water from Kannalli Lake," said Gowdaiah.

He said the lake belongs to the BBMP and the BBMP engineer wrote a letter to Kodigehalli panchayat development officer advising to take preventive measures to check dumping of waste, debris and garbage in Kannalli Lake. "I want the panchayat development officer to manage waste generated at villages in the panchayat's jurisdiction. I am against burning of waste at vacant spaces or dumping it in the lake," he said.

Meanwhile, Kodigehalli panchayat development officer Bhagirathi said she took measures to manage waste within Kodigehalli Panchayat limits. "A detailed project report (DPR) is being prepared on the lakes in panchayat limits. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board is planning to construct a sewage treatment plant at Kannalli Lake," said the panchayat development officer.

However, BBMP executive engineer (lakes) was not available for comment.

Metro line to Hosur?

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funding pattern of the proposed metro network is yet to be decided. Nearly a 12-km stretch of the proposed line between Bommasandra and Hosur will fall in Karnataka.

Currently, BMRCL is in the process of implementing a 19-km metro line under its Phase 2 plan from RV Road to Bommasandra.

Experts said by the time the metro line to Hosur will become a reality, the doubling of the track between Byappanahalli and Hosur would be completed leading to trains with 30-minute frequency.

"Moreover, when you take the metro across a state border, there are a lot of other issues that might crop up. Even if we leave aside the maintenance aspect, how is BMRCL planning to address the language issue when it comes to announcements? Hosur to Bengaluru will be a ride of about 1.5 hours. There is no washroom in the metro train and luggage space is restricted as well. The government should focus on providing good public transport within the city first, which is way behind actual requirements," added Dugar.

Hosur is situated approximately 20 km from Bommasandra, the last metro station in the far south of the city. Rail activists felt that to create a 12-km stretch to the Karnataka border, BMRCL will not only end up spending resources, but the development will also lead to many farmers losing their lands and many trees facing the axe.

"Namma metro is for Bengalureans. With Bommasandra being the last metro station, a 20-km stretch will not only require resources, but the development will also lead to many farmers losing their lands and the city losing a lot of its green cover. Instead of extending the metro line to Hosur, BMRCL can consider areas such as Hoskote, Nelamangala and Bidadi. These places are situated within 30 km of the city centre," said Krishna Prasad, rail expert.

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Hello, stranger

Know about prosopagnosia, or face blindness

Chris was a little surprised when the waitress taking orders at a family meal gave her a beaming smile. She was even more shocked when it was followed by an invite to her wedding reception.

The silence was awkward and felt like it stretched to eternity.

But this was no stranger making a social gaffe - she was a close neighbour with a genuine offer.

For Chris, 65, from London, it could have been her best friend, King Charles or Barack Obama - she would not have recognised any of them because she is living with the neurological condition prosopagnosia, or face blindness. It means faces, even those of her nearest and dearest, do not register.

Most of us pick up on visual cues from a face and within a nanosecond those images have been cross-referenced by our brains for recognition.

For people with prosopagnosia, that connection does not happen. The face in front of them remains a mystery, meaning they are often classed as rude or aloof for not acknowledging people. Try to explain and they are often greeted with: "I'm like that too, I never remember a face."

But taking time to match a face with a name occasionally is not the same. Face blindness means you see the shapes and components of someone's features, but they do not trigger recognition.

Chris, a former grammar school teacher for whom every parents' evening was a minefield - has withdrawn from potential friendship groups because of the repeated embarrassment of not recognising people she had met minutes earlier.

"I've been at my daughter's when she had friends round and introduced myself to people in the kitchen, then did it again in the living room," she says. "My best friend of almost 50 years popped in unannounced and when I opened the door she said: "You don't know who I am, do you?" I had no idea until she told me.

Chris has had the condition since birth, and it has made her socially cautious and anxious. On one night out, she could not remember what her date looked like after returning from the bathroom so had to scan the restaurant for someone alone at a table for two, and take the plunge.

Following film plots is problematic because she cannot recognise actors from scene to scene. "I've learned to appreciate films on a different level. It wasn't about the story or characters. Each scene was an act all of its own, completely separate to any others, but they could still be touching or funny.

"But it is an exhausting condition to live with and at times it's easier just to withdraw."

Hollywood film producer Jeff Kleeman, 58, who has worked on Bond movies and Bram Stoker's Dracula, shares the condition.

He fails to recognise his wife Hayley unless she is at home, somewhere he would expect to see her, or dressed in clothing he has memorised. Jeff once asked a colleague if the striking woman chatting to a fellow producer on a film set was a new girlfriend. It wasn't, it was Hayley.

As chat show star Ellen DeGeneres' co-producer for a decade, the pair have made 1,600 hours of TV together. But that doesn't mean Jeff can recognise one of the most visible women in the US unless she is in their work environment.

"If a slim blonde woman in her early 60s dressed a certain way walks in, chances are it is Ellen. But I don't recognise her face," says Jeff. "I can see faces and recognise emotions but as soon as I turn away there's zero recall.

"It didn't trouble me at school because everything is regimented so it was only when I got to college and bumped into people I knew in random places that it became apparent.

"It was a surprise to me that people recognised each other from faces - it seemed like a magic trick."

Prosopagnosia is experienced on a spectrum but social embarrassment is a constant factor. The condition can be present from birth or start after a stroke or major brain trauma.

"We know the brain processes faces in a different way to everything else it processes. It creates a visual jigsaw and then works it out. Over generations it's refined that process to identify faces quickly," says

Dr Ashok Jansari, a cognitive neuropsychologist at Goldsmith's, University of London, who is at the leading edge of research.

It's thought 1.2 million in the UK could have face blindness. Issues are believed to be rooted in part of the brain called the fusiform gyrus, linked to neural pathways involved in recognition. The cascade of information is interrupted, so they are unable to assemble facial jigsaws.

"We are at the early stages of understanding the mechanics of this condition but it can be awful for people. Many develop good techniques for dealing with the anxiety but many others will avoid situations where they might have to recognise people and that restricts their social and work lives," he adds.

"It can be very difficult for children who are born with the condition because if you can't remember who is in the playground you may not get invited to birthday parties and become isolated through no fault of yours, and long-term that can lead to mental health problems.

"We need more research and better awareness, in the same way we have had with dyslexia, so children don't have to hide it."

—Sunday Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

'Keto-like' diet can double your risk of heart attack, stroke: Study

Looking to try weight loss by following a 'keto' diet? You could be at twice the risk of suffering heart attack and stroke, warns a study.

Researchers from the University of British Columbia in Canada showed that the popular weight-loss dietary programme, which includes very low amounts of carbohydrates and high amounts of fats, is associated with higher blood levels of 'bad' cholesterol.

It is also linked with a two-fold heightened risk of cardiovascular events such as chest pain (angina), blocked arteries requiring stenting, heart attacks and strokes, they said while presenting the study at the American College of Cardiology's Annual Scientific Session. "Our study found that regular consumption of a self-reported diet low in carbohydrates and high in fat was associated with increased levels of LDL cholesterol -- or 'bad' cholesterol --and a higher risk of heart disease," said lead author Iulia Iatan.

The team analysed 305 participants. Compared with participants on a standard diet, those on a keto-like diet had higher levels of both LDL cholesterol and apolipoprotein B (apoB) -- a protein that helps carry fat and cholesterol through the human body. —IANS

All you need to know about...

Osteophyte

What is it?
Osteophytes are a sign of osteoarthritis due to wear and tear on a joint. As a consequence, bony lumps tend to grow at the edges of joints and on vertebrae in the spine. In the spine they may press on a nerve causing pain such as sciatica.

What are the symptoms?
There often aren't any. You may only find out you have osteophytes when you have an X-ray for another reason. But problems can arise if the bony spurs rub against bone or muscles, affect your movement, or put pressure on nerves.
The main symptom of an osteophyte is pain and

stiffness, but symptoms can include pins and needles, numbness or weakness in the arms and legs, and lumps on joints like the fingers, big toe, heel and ankle.
Always alert your GP if you have joint pain or stiffness, and you have numbness or weakness in any part of your body.

What is the treatment
Treatment is only needed if osteophytes cause problems such as pain and stiffness. As osteophytes are usually closely linked to arthritis, the treatments you might need are similar to treatments for this, and would include painkillers such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, physiotherapy, and losing weight if you're overweight. Surgery is a last resort for a joint that's badly affected. A hip or a knee may be replaced, and osteophytes pressing on a spinal nerve can be surgically removed.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

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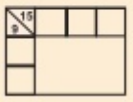
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

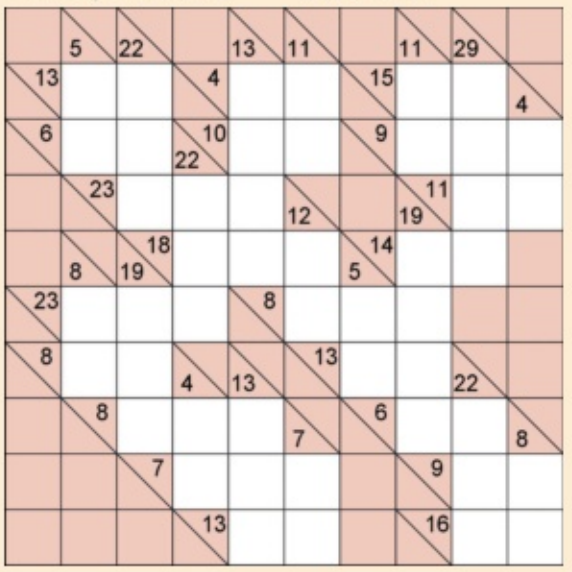
A car completes a certain journey in 8 hours. It covers half the distance at 40 km/hr and the rest at 60 km/hr. The length of the journey is

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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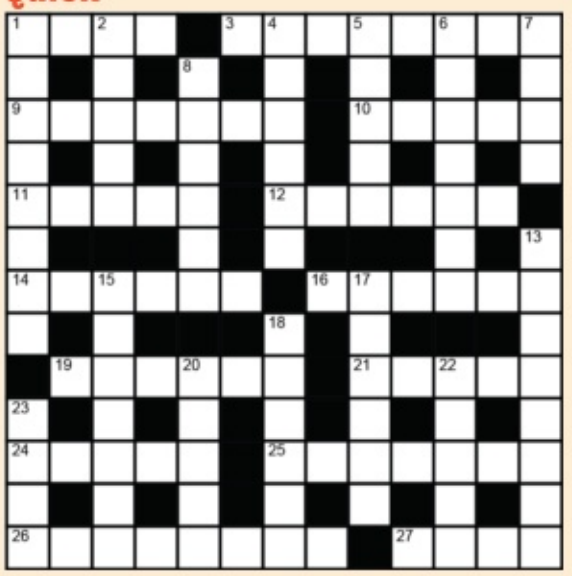


ACROSS

1 Person easily deceived (4)
3 Bad mouths, reviles or runs down (8)
9 Activist, devotee (7)
10 Comic fantasy author ____ Pratchett (5)
11 Himalayan kingdom (5)
12 Famous naturalist (6)
14 Disposition (6)
16 ___ and Ellora caves (6)
19 Bangalore lake–"Blab he" anagram (6)
21 Jack (5)
24 Japanese dish (5)
25 National park in Uttar Pradesh (7)
26 Ballerina (8)
27 A collar fastener (4)

DOWN

1 Giving exact meaning of, explaining clearly (8)
2 Photo of popstar perhaps (3-2)
4 Withdraw from a political federation (6)
5 Organic compound (5)
6 Belgrade native (7)
7 Eye complaint (4)
8 Not as fresh (6)
13 Gifted (8)
15 Capital crime (7)
17 Clowns or jesters (6)
18 Casual trousers? (6)
20 Salt water (5)
22 Watchful (5)
23 ____ to be : was ? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS O

LD LF QTD G CBMFDLTQ TJ HOT PGQEMF RBD TJ HOT TX HOGD PTMF QTD PGQEM.

Linemaro

1,000 painters painting for 1,000 years couldn't create a work of art as beautiful as you

Mindchow

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly

Joke of the day

Oh, I'm in no condition to drive. Wait a minute. I don't have to listen to myself. I'm drunk.

Loop

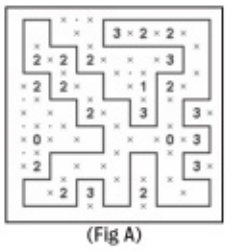
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

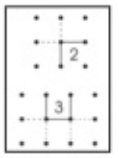
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

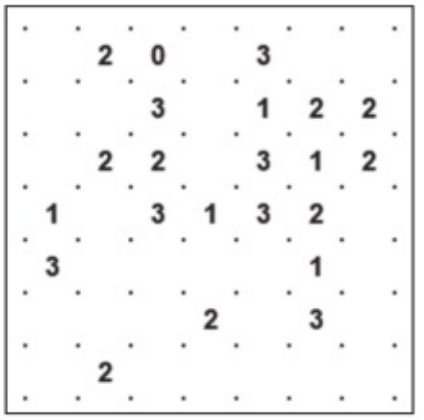
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



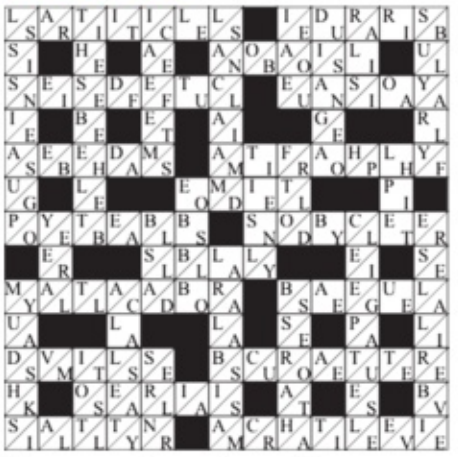
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



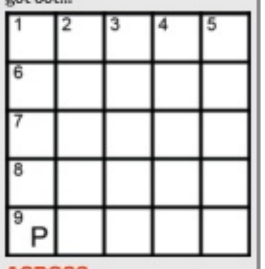
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

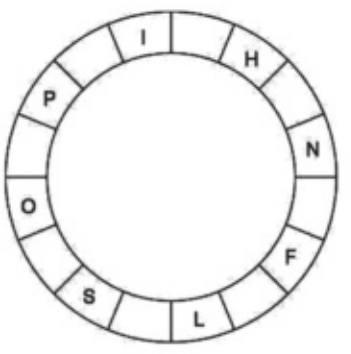
1 Phase; 6 On Wag;
7 Glad I; 8 Ler me;
9 Up Rod

DOWN

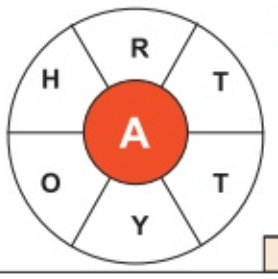
1 Was MP; 2 Lehar;
3 Or gag; 4 Oil up;
5 Den Ed

Mensapuzzle

Insert the missing letters to spell out a familiar phrase reading clockwise. Only alternate letters are shown and you must find the starting point.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			1	6			9	
7	2							8
3	6			9				2
8			7	1				5
			3		4			
1				8	9			3
2				5			1	4
5							2	6
	7			4	1			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

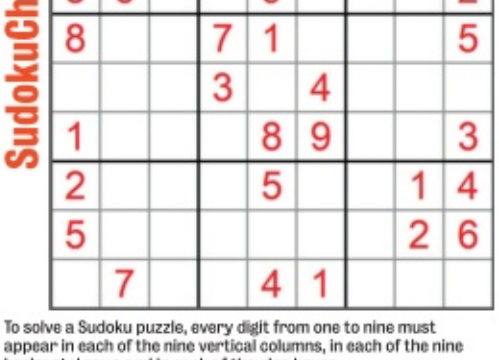
Easy = 1
5 5 5 6

Medium = 34
2 3 6 8

Hard = 47
4 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



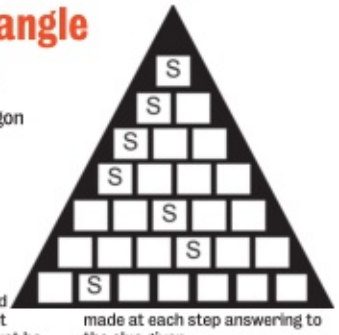
Differences: 1. Stripes on sleeve are thinner. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Dock support is moved. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Cap is larger. 6. Tree trunk is different.

Riddler

What connects Wanderers Stadium, Buffalo Park and Sahara Stadium Kingsmead?

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 South East, abbr.
3 Diocese
4 Pearl Buck's Dragon
5 Relieved
6 Stopped
7 Got away



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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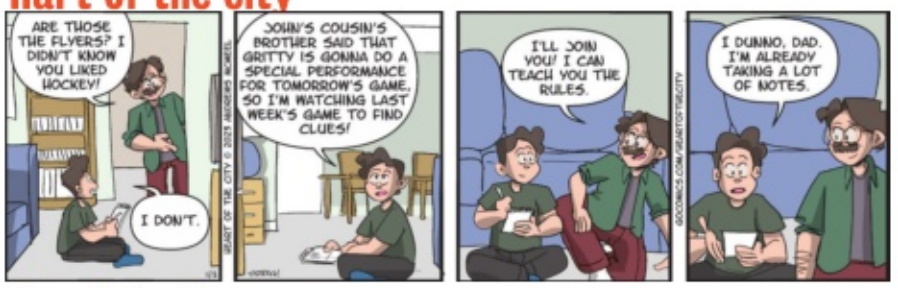
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy with kids' academics; you may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may think to update yourself and make some plan for higher studies to get a promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soulmate.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be escaped from reality; you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elderly health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house; it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may help needy people; it may increase your social respect. You may also put your hundred per cent effort in your work, resulting in being completed before time. You may hear some good news from your sibling. Too much work may make you tired; you are advised to avoid stress today, otherwise stress can affect both your professional and personal life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with social and family events. You may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money buying some artifacts and other stuff, which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today disputes with the siblings may be settled down, it may boost your relationship with them. Your vitality seems to be good, it may help you to complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work related trip. You may also help some needy person, it may increase your social status.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today some dissatisfaction may come into your mind; you may feel lazy and dull, it affects your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may get disappointments in terms of interviews. You will waste your precious time on worthless tasks.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel dull, your focus may be lost towards your targets; you may hypothetically take some decision, which may be seen beyond reality. Your expectation may be very high and because of impatience you are not able to fulfill your expectation, you may be upset. You are advised to be careful in adventure tours and rash driving.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are likely to control your internal weakness after analys- ing yourself, you may be confident. You may fight against flesh and addictions of any stuff. Singles are likely to find their good match. Love birds are now having clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunities for overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

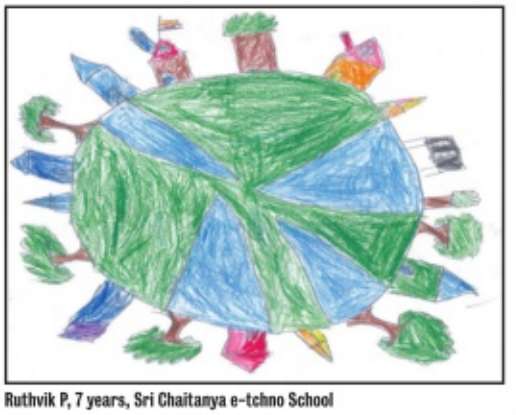
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel better, situations may be under control. Your network may help you in the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase the domestic harmony and love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for the family. You may also plan to watch movies or go for outings with friends or family.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless, you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning an adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have back ache, nervous system, lever, and skin related issues.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your creativity may be high; you may plan to renovate the house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office, which may increase social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It creates harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may be settled down. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your creativity may be high; you may attend some creative event. Your money which was stuck, may be recovered now. Jobseekers are advised to update their knowledge with the latest one. Students are advised to input some more effort in their academics.

KIDZONE



Ruthvik P, 7 years, Sri Chaitanya e-tchno School

Neil Karmakar, 7 yeras, Vidyashilp Academy

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(d/(2•40))+(d/(d/80)+(d/120)=8
3d+2d=8•240
d=(8•240)/5=8•48 = 384 kms

RIDDLER
They are all South African cricket venues

BULL'S EYE
ahoy, hart, hoary, oath, ratty, tarot, tart, that, throat, THROATY, tray

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
WITH ONE FELL SWOOP

QUOTE UNCODE
It is not a question of who dances but of who or what does not dance.

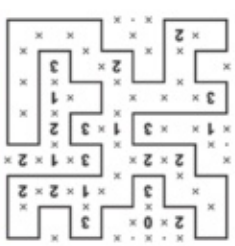
SUDOKU

6	7	8	2	4	1	5	3	9
5	1	4	9	7	3	8	2	6
2	9	3	6	5	8	7	1	4
1	4	6	5	8	9	2	7	3
9	5	7	3	2	4	6	8	1
8	3	2	7	1	6	9	4	5
3	6	1	8	9	7	4	5	2
7	2	9	4	3	5	1	6	8
4	8	5	1	6	2	3	9	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, See, Seed, Eased, Ceased, Escaped.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 − 5 − 5 + 6 = 1
Medium
2 + 3 x 8 − 6 = 34
Hard
8 x 7 − 4 − 5 = 47

LOOP



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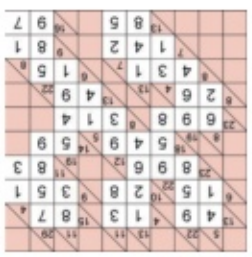

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 # Rib injury: Big B resting at home
Amitabh Bachchan said he was injured while shooting a film in Hyderabad and is recovering at home. The 80-year-old superstar said that he had sustained a rib injury

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THE CRUSH

He is linked with Sara, but Shubman Gill's crush is...

Cricketer Shubman Gill and Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan have been linked by the internet, after they were spotted together a few times. The couple refuses to comment on their romance.

Recently, Shubman was asked to name his Bollywood crush and you will be surprised to know the name. According to news18, the cricketer hesitated in answering the question, but finally went on to state that he has a crush on Rashmika Mandanna. Previously, Shubman had dropped a cryptic hint about dating sara. While on a show with Sonam Bajwa, he was asked to name the fittest actor in Bollywood. The cricketer quipped "Sara!" and when Sonam went on to ask, "Are you dating Sara?" he replied, "Maybe." Sara Ali Khan has been previously linked to Kartik Aaryan. The duo parted ways ahead of the release of their 2020 film 'Love Aaj Kal 2'. Recently Sara had stated in an interview that 20202 was the worst year for her.

Sara Ali Khan will soon be seen in OTT movie 'Gaslight', co-starring Vikram Massey and Chitrangda Singh. She also has Laxman Utekar's next untitled film with Vicky Kaushal and she also has patriotic drama 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' in the pipeline. —ETimes

All praise

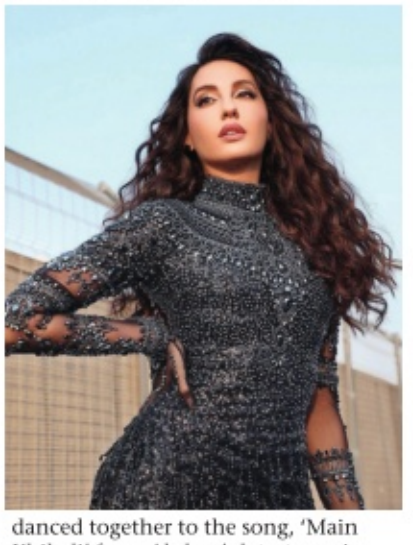
Preity Zinta has long been interested and associated with cricket, being the co-owner of the IPL team, King's XI Punjab.

In a recent post on her Instagram account, she has congratulated the Indian women's cricket team and their amazing run rate in recent tournaments. She also congratulated Mandira Bedi and acknowledged her role in promoting women's cricket. Preity put up a picture of a recent Women's Premier League award function and captioned her post: "What a stunning weekend this has been for women's cricket. History has been made with two 200+ scores, two 5 wicket hauls & a last minute thriller in the opening weekend of the #WPL ! I must confess I was very happy to see @ mandirabedi as a presenter in this inaugural edition cuz Mandira has done a lot for women's cricket before all of us got into cricket and decided to be a part of the IPL." She also heaped praises on BCCI for promoting women's cricket. —ETimes

She's got the moves

Nora Fatehi is currently ruling hearts with her performance at a tour in the US. During her recent dance act in Atlanta, the actress was seen sharing the stage with kids. She has started a dancewithnora initiative wherein she will give a stage to kids who have been selected for their talent. In a video doing rounds on social media, Nora is seen having a gala time while talking to and dancing with many children on stage. A bunch of children joined Nora on stage in Atlanta and she will be encouraging others to do the same for her upcoming three shows too.

At the Atlanta performance, Nora was also seen shaking a leg with Akshay Kumar, who had donned a red Lehenga for a sequence. Akshay and Nora also danced together to the song, 'Main Khiladi' from Akshay's latest movie, 'Selfiee'. Their performance on 'Oo Antava Oo Oo Antava' was also hailed by the audience.



Mouni Roy, Sonam Bajwa, Disha Patani and Aparshakti Khurana are also part of Akshay Kumar's, The Entertainers tour. —IANS

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Value of your vote

Kannada movies are exhorting people to vote. Now one more film – Prabhutva – is added to the list of movies on such a theme.

Prabhutva is directed by R Ranganath while Chethan Chandra and Pavana Gowda are the lead pair. A song – Neenenaa Neenenaa - was released on Friday at Renukamba Preview Theater.

"Prabhutva is a big-budget movie in my career as an actor. I thank producer Raviraj S Kumar for not compromising on the quality of the movie. Ranganath sir has handled the megaphone very well. Neenenaa Neenenaa written by director Hari Santosh and sung by Karthik and Supriya Ram is melodious," said Chethan Chandra.

This is director R Ranganath's third film after Arivu and Koogu. "Producer Raviraj's father Megadahalli Dr Shivakumar wrote the script while Vinay has written dialogues. Emil has scored music for the film," said Ranganath.

Passion awarded

Meet PVR Swamy from Gugaredoddi of Harohalli in Ramanagara, who is elated about bagging the best cinematographer award at Dr Puneeth Rajkumar International Film Festival organised by Sri Subhaguru Trust recently. Actors Pratham and MD Kaushik were chief guests at the function.

PVR Swamy got the award for his contribution to the movie Raaji released last April in which Raghavendra Rajkumar plays the lead. "I am very happy to receive the award. It increases my responsibility as a cinematographer," said PVR Swamy.

Swamy said photography has been his passion since childhood and he used to take photographs at his village. "I came to Bengaluru to pursue my passion. I worked under cinematographers PKH Das and H Ramachandra. Both helped me become a cinematographer. I have worked as a cinematographer for around 40 Kannada movies," said Swamy.

He wants to train prospective cinematographers from economically weaker families. "I have been training many prospective cinematographers," he said.